

“The Law of the LORD is Perfect, converting the soul: the Testimony of the LORD is Sure, making wise the simple. The Statutes of the LORD are Right, rejoicing the heart: the Commandment of the LORD is Pure, enlightening the eyes. The Fear of the LORD is Clean, enduring for ever: the Judgments of the LORD are true and Righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: Sweeter Also Than Honey And The Honeycomb.” Psalms 19:7-10 KJV



We desire things, because we deem them either pleasurable or as a means to produce pleasure. Take money, for example; it cannot be eaten nor can it heal or impart knowledge, but is desirable for the pleasure it could acquire. We don't love money per say, but more what it represents; freedom to choose what we want when we want. Desire is the root of action. We desire relief from pain and sorrow, so we try to acquire what you believe will provide it, but most of us never consider the infinite Source of all satisfaction for man; God, Himself. In today's Scripture we are given several attributes of God's Word. The Law represents authority. Authority rules desire. God's Word when obeyed changes desire. *“He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* Testimony verifies as true. A birth certificate testifies to the truth. *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”* Statutes represent what is right or acceptable. They make the wrong obvious. Yellow lines don't prevent, but are the measure of unacceptable driving. When we are right, it brings satisfaction, but to be right we must know the statute. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God...rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”* Some human law is unjust, but not with God. it is true and absolutely righteous every time. We can trust it implicitly! *“Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy Righteous Judgments endureth for ever.”* Fear coerces the most valiant to commit the unthinkable, but *“the Fear of the Lord is Clean,”* because it only ever induces us to do Righteousness; obey Truth. *“Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.”* Judgment is discernment. We judge every time we choose. We choose what food to eat based on the desire of hunger or appetite, but most of us do not research the origins of our food which is why we are sometimes ill. We choose our friends based on mutual desire, but not every friend is true. God's Word details Truth, which if we obey, gives us proper discernment of what is right.

Fine gold desired does not appease,
Nor when we do just as we please,
But Truth obeyed, will satisfy,
And bring a Joy none can deny! –CGP

Wisdom is the right application of knowledge. You may know a tomato is a fruit, but wisdom withholds it from fruit salad. God is the end of all desire! If you have Him, you need nothing. Without Him you have nothing!

“Happy is the man that findeth Wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.” Proverbs 3:13-18 KJV